

New Bedford April 26th 1842

I think you may have
done your Shrs
now. This
is the 5th week
of my vacation & I
have not had time
to go to see R. E.
I could not send the \$20 by Wendell
as you desired, because it being Sunday, there
was no way of getting the money into one
bill. I sent the trunk & my bonnet by W.
and you will find them I suppose at Chancery Place. Let the bonnet be cleaned & it will
look very well I think. If more I will send
the first of next week, for I shall want to
be writing then. On regard to the colour of
the carpet I dont know, as I have any thing
to offer, suit yourself. If there is any thing of
mine which you want besides the bonnet
write this week & I will send it up next
in Abby's trunk, or rather by Abby whose
vacation begins a week from next Friday.

Wendell came as we expected on Saturday
night. Andrew had invited him there & I was
invited to tea to meet him. We had a very good
time & a very good tea, every thing elegant
of course. The packages from you & Maria he
gave me. Maria sent me all her English
letters to be returned by Wendell. We had taken
a great deal of pains to notify the churches. I went
to old Jackson (Sheba's brother you know) myself. I
met him in the street two or three days before
& among other things he professed himself a most
devoted abolitionist. I took advantage of this, & thought
he said it was a rule with them to give no notice when

they were holding a meeting of their own, yet he would think of it. Then it appeared that Hebe was here, so I had a very pleasant talk upon her. She seemed thorough & she seemed honest too. I was afraid of her brother while we stood at the door I urged it upon her to see that the notice was read & she promised that it should be & it was. Smith at Holmes would not read it, so Mr Beane did, & there is a great sensation - such a horrible violation of order! Mr Smith the minister rather liked it I think. He had rather they would fight Mr Beane than him. Mr Roberts refused flatly saying he never gave a notice while he was holding a meeting of his own. One methodist would not. & Mr Howland failed as might have been expected on the Episcopal I carried my points, & had two of the most impracticable churches in town Sunday Mrs Robeson invited me to dine with them, which I did & also took tea against Liberty Hall, the old Unitarian meeting house was thronged, a great many coloured people there. By the way I have forgotten to mention Hawley's experience. You know his church was asked for, the trustees said a vote of the proprietors took away all power from them, for they had voted that the house should never be used for any anti-slavery purpose. A storm prevented the proprietors from coming together, & there was I conclude a general dawdling. But when Hawley found that Liberty Hall was actually engaged, he walked up to his position. His distress knew no bounds. He tried to have the lecture put off a week & said so much that it was seriously thought of, but it was found that notices had been too extensively given to withdraw them. But the worst of the matter was, that he

had got his Christian Union meeting all appointed
etc, & he evidently thought it would be ruin to put
it off. & explained with tears in his eyes, how the
other ministers were trying to devolve him up.
He has, as it were pledged himself that when Wendell
comes the 1st of August (monday) if he requested to
come on saturday night, Hawley will get the church
for him sunday night. I think his anguish of
mind now will be for his good. To go back
to Wendell's lecture, it was very good indeed
& has been much admired. The Whigs were
much displeased with his attack upon Everett
whom he used up. I will send you the Bulletin
as soon as I can get it. Charles Congdon, you
know perhaps, is the Editor, a born democrat,
but who changed to Whigerry for the sake of
his subscription list. & all the whig advertisements
in Emma I guess saw ^{him} person about as disa-
greed. William Channing rather more able
Wendell's congregation was composed of three's
gentility & the rabble & niggers. All the friends
went. Hawley gave notice of Wendell's lecture
and made a polite little speech, saying how
much he regretted having made his arrange-
ment to be & how much he himself want-
ed to hear Wendell. Hawley is very anxious
that every body should understand that
the church has not been refused. & that there
is every probability that we can have it ^{after} ~~in~~
August. I went down to the Robersons, at their
particular request & Wendell came home
with me. The Robersons were much pleased
with him, I took the time when he was out of the
room to ask all sorts of questions about
him. Wendell is in some respect like John, I

think he could be brought to talk of his leap-frog.
You remember what he said in regard to
the Protocols' spoons. Wendell used to have
very often seen living as stylish, or perhaps more
so, than the Presidents. (I have.) But his talk
to me in private was green as thunder. — Mr.
Howland is in Boston this week & will I
suppose return Saturday — Write me next
time you send, what Mr. Bates said in his letter
to Warren. Caroline was ^{more} diffuse as to the con-
tents of his letter than you were, but I do not know

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Weymouth

Mass —

I have some hope of hearing from
Caroline to-morrow by the train
each morning

as I exactly understood. If I did I thought his
proceedings rather queer. I don't know what
Mary Congdon will do now. Wm. H. Stowell has failed
so has Wm. J. Hawes, who married Gov. Morton's
daughter, & so has Ivory Bartlett, one of Florence's
sons, for \$93,000. Stowell for \$175,000. All people talk
about is who comes next. Baker & Croker is the su-
-mone. Give my love to all. Henry & Annie. I wish if
there is talk of Henry & Maria's going to North Hampton
you would put it to have ~~Henry & Maria~~ come here with
me. I think I could do him great good if he were here but a very